

Resource Tool for Medicare Advantage Contract Applicants

This document was prepared as a resource tool for Medicare Managed Care contract applicants. The following list contains resources that may be used to assist applicants during and after the application process.

Resource	Resource Description
<p>Medicare Modernization Act Regulations</p> <p>Prescription Drug Plan - Title I (CMS 4068-F)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regulation (PDF, 2 MB) (1,162 pages) (Also available from the Federal Register) ○ Title I Summary (PDF, 91 KB) ○ Basic Summary of What's Changed Since NPRM (PDF, 93 KB) ○ Technical Summary of What's Changed Since NPRM (PDF, 75 KB) <p>Medicare Advantage Plans - Title II (CMS 4069-F)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regulation (PDF, 1 MB) (445 pages) (Also available from the Federal Register) ○ Title II Summary (PDF, 46 KB) ○ Basic Summary of What's Changed Since NPRM (PDF, 93 KB) ○ Technical Summary of What's Changed Since NPRM (PDF, 206 KB) 	<p>MMA Title I and Title II Regulations</p>
<p>Medicare Modernization Act Prescription Drug Benefit http://cms.hhs.gov/pdps</p>	<p>Contains information on the MMA Prescription Drug Benefit</p>
<p>Key Projected Dates in the Implementation of Title I and Title II (PDF, 48 KB)</p>	<p>Important dates for the implementation of the Medicare Modernization Act.</p>
<p>Listserv for Medicare Advantage Plans Subscribe to cms-ma-l@list.nih.gov http://www3.cms.hhs.gov/ma/ma_listserv/default.asp?audience=15</p>	<p>Listserv for Medicare Advantage plans to receive the latest information related to the Medicare Advantage program.</p>
<p>Medicare Managed Care Manual http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/116_mmc/mc86toc.asp</p>	<p>CMS' Medicare Managed Care Manual for program instructions, policies and procedures.</p>
<p>2003 Medicare Managed Care Monitoring Guide http://cms.hhs.gov/healthplans/monitoring/default.asp</p>	<p>CMS' 2003 Restructured Medicare + Choice, Monitoring Review Guide, Version 1.</p>

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Medicare Managed Care Systems Guides http://www.cms.hhs.gov/healthplans/systems/Guides.asp	CMS' Enrollment & Payment and Plan Communications User's Guides.
CMS Medicare Managed Care letters http://www.cms.hhs.gov/healthplans/letters	Contains letters issued by CMS to managed care organizations, covering various topics.
Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) HIPAA website http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa	CMS HIPAA home page contains links on HIPAA health insurance reform including general HIPAA Administrative Simplification information.
<p>HIPAA Regulations & Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transaction and Code Set Standards • Security Standards • Identifier Standards • Privacy Standards 	CMS' HIPAA website contains links for the Administrative Simplification Regulations and Standards for: Electronic Transactions, Code Sets, Security, Unique Identifiers, and Privacy.
Office of Civil Rights (OCR) HIPAA website http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa	OCR is responsible for implementing the Privacy Rule that created national standards to protect individuals' personal health information; its home page contains links on privacy regulation and guidance.
The Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 http://www.x12.org	X12 is the development standards committee responsible for the developing X12 and XML formats; its home page contains links for EDI and X12 standards for cross-industry electronic exchange of business information.
Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange/Strategic National Implementation Process (WEDI/SNIP) http://snip.wedi.org	WEDI/SNIP is a collaborative healthcare industry-wide task group responsible for the implementation of standards; its home page contains links for HIPAA Administrative Simplification education and general awareness information, which includes providing white papers developed by the insurance industry.

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<p>Washington Publishing Company (WPC) http://www.wpc-edi.com/Default_40.asp</p>	<p>WPC is a designated publishing company who specializes in distributing EDI information from organizations that develop, maintain, and implement EDI standards; its home page contains links for Final and Draft HIPAA X12N Implementation Guides, Education and HIPAA tools.</p>
<p>CMS HIPAA e-mail address: askhipaa@cms.hhs.gov</p>	<p>CMS' HIPAA e-mail address that is used for requesting Videos or contractor CDs, as well as for electronically submitting Administrative Simplification, HIPAA questions to CMS.</p>
<p>CMS HIPAA Hotline Phone number (866) 282-0659 Hours: 9a.m. – 6 p.m., M-F, ET</p>	<p>CMS' toll free, HIPAA hotline telephone number that is used to call directly into CMS for Administrative Simplification questions.</p>
<p>HIPAA related Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) links:</p> <p>Questions issued by CMS (agency wide) http://questions.cms.hhs.gov</p> <p>Questions issued by CMS (MCO specific) http://cms.hhs.gov/healthplans/hipaa/</p> <p>Questions issued by X12 http://x12.org/x12org/about/faqs.cfm</p> <p>Questions issued by WEDI/SNIP http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/details%7E29.htm</p> <p>Questions issued by OCR (privacy of health information) http://answers.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/hhs.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php</p>	